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To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in payment for physicians' services under the Medicare program for 2007 and 2008.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Patients’ Access to
3 Physicians Act of 2006”.

4 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM UPDATE FOR PHYSICIANS’ SERVICES FOR**
5 **2007 AND 2008.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1848(d) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)), as amended by section
8 5104 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law
9 109–171), is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new paragraph:

11 “(7) **UPDATES FOR 2007 AND 2008.**—

12 “(A) **FOR 2007.**—The update to the single
13 conversion factor established in paragraph
14 (1)(C) for 2007 shall not be less than 1 plus
15 the Secretary’s estimate of the percentage in-
16 crease in the MEI (as defined in section
17 1842(i)(3)) for the year (divided by 100).

18 “(B) **FOR 2008.**—The update to the single
19 conversion factor established in paragraph
20 (1)(C) for 2008 shall not be less than 1 plus
21 the Secretary’s estimate of the percentage in-
22 crease in the MEI (as defined in section
23 1842(i)(3)) for the year (divided by 100).”.

24 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section
25 1848(d)(4)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)(4)(B))
26 is amended, in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking

1 “paragraphs (5) and (6)” and inserting “paragraphs (5),
2 (6), and (7)”.

3 (c) PREMIUM TRANSITION RULE.—Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law—

5 (1) PREMIUM.—The monthly premium under
6 section 1839 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395r) for months in 2007 and 2008 shall be com-
8 puted as if this section had not been enacted.

9 (2) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—The Gov-
10 ernment contribution under section 1844(a) of the
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) for
12 months in 2007 and 2008 shall be computed taking
13 into account the provisions of this section, including
14 paragraph (1).